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Dear Mr. McMahon:

I am replying on behalf of Director Charles Wick to your letter concerning the National HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics since the Director is currently on official business outside the United States. Please excuse our delay in responding, which was due to administrative error.

In our overseas posts, Public Affairs Officers or other USIA officers normally are represented on the embassy Narcotics Coordinating Committees. The principal area of concern in the narcotics field for a USIA officer overseas is to ensure that the public affairs dimension of the drug problem is given adequate attention. USIA officers traditionally enjoy good contacts with media, academic, and government personalities who would be good sources of information on local perceptions of the narcotics problem. It is in the context of maintaining and reporting on these USIA contacts that Agency officers would be able to provide information on attitudes toward the narcotics problem in foreign countries for the HUMINT agenda.

For the past few years USIA Washington has had a Narcotics Program Coordinator. The principal responsibility of this officer is to oversee Agency activities in the narcotics area to ensure that the Federal Strategy for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Trafficking receives good coverage by Agency elements. The Narcotics Program Coordinator is currently working on a project to create a network of communication between foreign-based drug abuse awareness groups and analagous American groups. He is working closely with the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth and PRIDE, the two principal American groups in the field, to promote these international linkages. If this network of communication gets going, it will probably be an excellent method of keeping abreast of information on local drug use situations (objective 11 under Part II of the National HUMINT Collection Plan).

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On September 28, USIA's Narcotics Program Coordinator chaired a meeting of the international participants to the recent National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth Conference which resolved to form an international coordinating committee to initiate this international network. I am attaching for your information a copy of the minutes of the meeting as well as a preliminary list of international contacts for the group.

Sincerely

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson Acting Director

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